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CONSTRUCTION TEAM

REFS: (A) STATE 129878, (B) STATE 126532, (C) STATE 122138,

(D) BUCHAREST 3755, (E) STATE 113349

- 1. WE RECEIVED RESPONSES TODAY ON NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING EARTHQUAKE MATTERS BUT NOTHING THUS FAR ON ROMANIAN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TEAM. WHILE WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED RESPONSE BY COB TODAY, WE ARE NOT CONFIDENT IT WILL BE FORTHCOMING. OUR EXPECTATION IS THAT ROMANIAN WILL WISH TO ADHERE TO MARGARITESCU'S ORIGINAL CONCEPTION THAT THIS TEAM SHOULD DEPART WHEN WORK OF PROCUREMENT TEAM IS COMPLETED. FACT RADU NEGRU IS ROMANIAN CONTACT FOR U.S. DUILDING REPAIR TEAM WOULD TEND TO SUPPORT ASSUMPTION THAT TEAM WILL NOT DEPART ON THURSDAY TAROM FLIGHT (AS IT WOULD HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO MAKE PROPOSED JULY 13 STARTING DATE). WE ARE NOT ALL THAT OPTIMISTIC THAT TEAM WILL DEPART FOLLOWING THURSDAY EITHER, SO THAT WE WOULD ADVISE HUD TO DEFER FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL WE CAN GET A FIRM ROMANIAN COMMITMENT.
- 2. ON U.S. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TEAM, STANCIU'S OFFICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMED US THAT PROPOSED JUNE 19 ARRIVAL DATE IS AGREEABLE TO ROMANIAN SIDE. SCIATT SMITH WILL BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH RADU NEGRU REGARDING PROGRAM FOR TEAM. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEAM. WE WILL ALSO ASSUME THAT TEAM WILL SECURE VISAS FROM ROMANIAN EMBASSY IF THEY TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL PASSPORTS.

- 3. STANCIU'S OFFICE ALSO CONVEYED ROMANIAN AGREEMENT TO PROPOSED VISIT OF ALGERMISSEN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AID'S EARLIEST INDICATION OF ALGERMISSEN'S PREFERRED DATES, IF HE STILL INTENDS TO COME FIRST HALF OF JUNE.
- 4. WE WERE INFORMED THAT ROMANIAN EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT TEAM HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO EXPAND LIST OF REQUESTED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO REACH \$2 MILLION LEVEL.
- 5. ON QUESTION OF REQUEST BY ROMANIAN ARCHIVES FOR 35MM MICROFILM CAMERAS AND PROCESSORS, STANCIU'S OFFICE HAS INFORMED US THAT THIS EQUIPMENT WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ADDED TO ROMANIAN LIST.
- 6. REGARDING FODOR'S APPARENT CONFUSION CONCERNING PROCUREMENT PROCESS (REFTEL A), WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT FODOR DID NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS EARTHQUAKE TEAM AT ANY LENGTH HERE. AT ANY RATE, WE BELIEVE EXPLANATION GIVEN BY TAUBENBLATT AND MANDEL AT FOREIGN TRADE BANK AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS.

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